THE USUAL BELL TACTICS.

Maryland is Having Its Dose of Bell Telephone Monopoly-The People Aroused at Many Points.

A late issue of the Hagerstown Herald says:

An effort is being made by the Bell Telephone Company to drive out the local telephone companies wherever it is possible by offering lower rates. The Bell Company is meeting with but indifferent success. In Hanover the town council, despite the vast pressure put upon it by the big monepoly, refused to allow the company to enter the city, and in various other places the people have arisen in revolt against the effort of the Bell people to drive out the local system. In nearly every instance, as was the case in this city, where the Bell Company, locally known as the C. and P. Company, first came they entered the town willout restriction or franchise because the people hoped to derive the benefit and convenience that come from a well conducted telephone system. The C. and P. Company did not give satisfaction and, although there was no opposition, had comparatively few 'phones was largely what is known as the ground circuit, which fills the ear with a horrible grinding sound which in many instances becomes so violent that the instrument is put out of use. The ground circuit is a single wire to the 'phone with a return to the ground which completes the circuit. This company was not then and is not now restricted by price, it can charge \$60 a year or \$580 a year, the charge being regulated by whatever the authorities in New York, Boston or some other distrat city see fit to make it.

The outgrowth of the C. and P. occupying the field without competition or restriction was the demand for another system. This came by local capital and local interests combining to put on its feet a system that has been popular and whose growth has been phenomenal. Notwithstanding the fact that the people and community wanted another system, the mayor and council were petitioned for a franchise for it containing reasonable and sensible restrictions. The new company did not ask perfuse of the field, but merely asked that it have a franchise to do business in a reasonable manner. This was grante

OPPOSITION TO SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

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DEATH OF CADET BOOZE. The Speaker appointed the following committee to investigate the death of Cadet Booze at West Point: Messrs, March (Rep.), of Illinois, chairman; Wanger (Rep.), of Pennsylvania: Smith (Rep.), of Iowa; Driggs (Dem.), of New York, and Clayton (Dem.), of New York.

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A substitute resolution was reported from the military affairs committee, requesting the Secretary of War to report the result of the investigation he is now making of the Booze case to the House, together with such recommendations as he may see fit to make.

A NOTORIOUS PRACTICE.

Mr. Driggs (N. Y.), the author of the original resolution, protested vigorously against the adoption of the substitute resolution, as it did not include provision for an investigation of the general subject of hazing at West Point with a view to putting a permanent stop to such practices. He declared that the practice of infamously hazing "plebs" at West Point was notorious. He cited the case of Whittaker, who was hazed in 1886, and whose case led to a Congressional investigation. Mr. Driggs declared that he would be in favor of abolishing the academy if these brutal practices could not be stopped. (Applause.)

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WAR TAX REDUCTION. The House immediately went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of the bill for the reduction of the war taxes.

Mr. Payne (N. Y.), chairman of the committee on ways and means, who had charge of the bill, opened the debate.

Mr. Payne said that in reducing the revenue great care should be taken lest the reduction cause a deficiency. The committee feit as though they had gone to the farthest limit. The sixty-five million dollars remaining after the reduction proposed by the committee took effect would not equal the extraordinary expenses sure to follow as a result of the Spanish war, including interest on the bonds issued to prosecute the war, amounting to five millions, and the increased army which both sides admit should amount to one hundred thousand men for the next two or three years. This increase in expenditure would amount at least to sixty million dollars. The increase in naval expenditure for equipment, together with the pensions growing out of the late war, would add to our expenditures ten millions more.

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Mr. Swanson (Va.), a member of the committee on ways and means followed. Mr. Swanson said that the Democratic party fully recognized the urgent necessity for a reduction. During four years taxation had increased over \$260,000,000, and if this heavy burden was continued, business and commerce would seriously suffer. He expressed regret that the Republicans had falled to avail themselves of the present excellent opportunity to devise a more just, equitable and permanent system of taxation.

He argued that there should be a reformation of the tariff and an alpolition of the custom duties which have created trusts and monopolies. He also insisted that this Government should collect more revenue from capital, in-MR. SWANSON, OF VIRGINIA.

collect nious revenue from capital, in-comes, and profits rather than from the consumption and the business and oc-cupation of the people; that "taxes"

should be levied upon what a man has and not upon what he needs."

REDUCTION TOO LIGHT,

He said there shount be a reduction made now in the revenue of at least \$70,000,000 instead of \$40,000,000. He said that unless the Administration proposed to make reckless expenditures in two years from now, the governmental appropriations should greatly decrease instead of increase: that with the organization of a home government in Cuba, with the pacification of the Philippine islands, and with a settlement of the Chinese complication, all of which the administration assured in less than two years, there ought to be an immense reduction in governmental expenses. Thus, he claimed, the revenue could, at this time, be safely reduced at least \$70,000,000 without at all embarrassing the Treasury.

Mr. Swanson asserted that the only persons who were benefitted by a large surplus in the Treasury were those who were seeking extravagant and unjust appropriations, the national banks that were desirous of continuing the large governmental deposits free of interest and the bondholders who desired the government to redeem their bonds at a high rate and an exorbitant, premium.

Mr. Swanson concluding, said the minority would move to recommit the bill with instructions to provide for a reduction of at least \$70,000,000. At 3:05 p. m. the House adjourned.

Y. M. C. A. STAR COURSE.

THE METROPOLITAN STAR QUINTETTE GIVE A DELIGHTFUL CONCERT.

The first of the series of star course

The first of the series of star course entertainments to be given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association during the winter was attended last night by a large and appreciative audience.

That the audience enjoyed the splendid work of the entertainers was manifested by a most enthusiastic enchore at the close of each number, and an exceedingly liberal response to the "call for more" gave evidence of the fact that the performers appreciated the warmth of their reception.

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The company is composed of Miss Anna Louise Gillies, soprano; Miss Belle Louise Brewster, mežzo; Miss Geraldine Epps, contratto; Miss Helen Reed, harpist, and Miss Belle Ames Horr, elocutionist. The trio of singers gave the audience a taste of rare blending of femule voices without music and held them spellbound, the harpist put them in a trance and Miss Horr very effectually woke them up.

New Fast Schedule

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The wood of the handsome new express cars are in service on the Ocean View route, a third will be in service in a day or two and three more will soon be enroute to Norfolk. The opinion of those who have traveled in the new cars is that they are as easy riding as a Pullman. Yesterday one of the cars made the trip from the Atlantic Hotel to Willionghby Spit in thirty-four minutes and in fifteen minutes more the passengers were landing at Old Polnt. Another trip between the Atlantic Hotel and Willoughby Spit was made in thirty-six minutes and this included eight stops.

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offty-minute service between Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, and Old Point. Traffic over the new route is large in volume and increasing.

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PROGRESS OF THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

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were assaulted by a former agent at Danby and both were seriously injured. A warrant is out for their assailant.

NORTHERN PACIFIC TELEGRA-PHERS.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 11.—A committee of Northern Pacific telegraphers called upon Vice-President and General Manager J. W. Kendrick to-day and presented the first of a number of requests relating to wages, working hours and other matters. There are about 1,000 operators in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. About 900 of these are members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The committee says their relations with the company are pleasant.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' SIDE.

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 11.—Chairman Newman, of the Eastern Division of the Santa Fe operators, tonight gave out a statement of freight trains run and loads and empties handled through Emporia, which he says shows the great loss the company is sustaining by the strike and shows that the company is making a losing fight. The sirike occurred December 8. Cars through Emporia averaged daily before the strike, 710; after the strike, 480. Cars stock handled through Emporia, Sunday, December 2, for Kansas City market, 108; Sunday, December 9, only 13 cars for market. Only one stock train has been received from the Okiahoma division since the strike was called. Nothing but through freights are running and they are badly delayed. Forty trains were handled through Emporia December 6, forty-four on the 7th, 18 on the 9th, and 17 on the 10th. He says: "The situation on the different divisions is principally the same as yesterday except that we gained in some vicinities."

Will Come Saturday.

The United States training ship Essex is expected to arrive in Hampton Roads next Saturday from Porto Rico. The Essex has been cruising around in the West Indies for several months and is now returning to the Roads to be inspected by a naval board before going to one of the navy yards for an overhauling. She has about two hundred naval apprentices aboard.

The ship was at Porto Rico last week and it was expected that she would make a tour of Cuban ports, but orders have been issued by the Navy Department to leave out Havana and other Cuban ports and the Essex may be expected at Old Point about Saturday.

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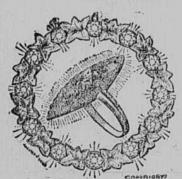


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